

REMARKS

Applicant has reviewed and considered the Office action dated April 15, 2003, the wrong spellings in claims have been corrected. Claims 1 and 27 are amended, a new claim 50 is added, the new claim 50 recites the parts 84 in Figure 7. No new matter added in the claims. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 29, and 47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Wilson et al.

Claim 1 recites a self watering tray with supports for direct supporting a regular plant pot, the supports extending upwardly from the wall(s) of the tray with no spikes, and separate each other. Wilson discloses a tray with supports having spikes on them, and the strips 7/ or ribbing integrated either extending from the bottom wall of the tray or not. Wilson does not disclosed the strips/ or ribbing are/ or maybe separate. Obviously, the supports of claim 1 is different with Wilson's, and patentable over Wilson, claim 29 and 47 are dependent claims of claim 1. Applicant claimed a lip and wicking/or with a tube here to avoid someone modify the claim 1. Over one hundred years ago, J.K. Andrews (US Pat. No. 681,672) had disclosed a tube for a flower pot, and almost one hundred years ago, A.J. Schoenecke disclosed "wicking" and "watering lip" (US Pat. No. 842,501). A self watering apparatus most use wick to sucking water up from a tray to a pot for plant use.

Claims 1, 47, and 48 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Lucas et al.

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Lucas discloses a tray 2 has a tray bottom 4 and a false bottom 1, the supports 14 extending downwardly from the false bottom 1. Clearly, This apparatus is completely different with the tray of claim 1 recited. Obviously, claim 1 is patentable over Lucas, and claims 47 and 48 are the dependent claims of claim 1 to avoid someone modify the claim 1.

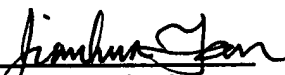
Claims 27, and 44 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(b) as being anticipated by Rajon.

Claim 27 recites at least one leg coupled to a tray, the tray having side walls and bottom wall, the leg having two sections, up section and low section, each section having a closed side wall, a shoulder between the sections supporting the pot. Rajon discloses the leg having two section, and a shoulder, more than one support (F in Fig. 1) composed the low section. Rajon does not disclosed the low section having a closed side wall. Obviously, the leg that claim 27 recited is different with Rajon's, and patentable over Rajon. Claim 44 is a dependent claim of claim 27. All self watering apparatus must use a wicking material.

In view of the above, claims 1, 27, 29, 44-45, and 47-50 are patentable over the cited references, therefor, Applicant respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and a favorable response are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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